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1. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION WITH NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR  
VAN LYNDEN ON OTHER SUBJECTS ON MAY 16, ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
HARTMAN REITERATED GUIDANCE CONTINUED IN REFTELS ON OUR VIEWS  
ON US-EC CONSULTATIONS AND US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS. HE MADE  
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FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS:

A. UNDER THE STRUCTURE OF THE ROME TREATY, HARTMAN SAID, WE HAVE GOOD WORKING RELATIONS WITH THE NINE ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS AND CITED THE TWICE-YEARLY US-EC CONSULTATIONS AS AN EXAMPLE. HOWEVER, ON THE POLITICAL SIDE, NO SIMILAR CONSULTATION MECHANISM EXISTS AND SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES HAVE RESULTED, MOST NOTABLY OVER THE MIDDLE EAST. HARTMAN POINTED OUT THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL COOPERATION.

B. HARTMAN SAID THE U.S. HAS DECIDED TO PUT OFF ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION OF A US-EC DECLARATION UNTIL THE U.S. AND THE EUROPEANS BECOME MORE ACCUSTOMED TO INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION HE SAW MERIT IN THE GERMAN SUGGESTION THAT THE NINE COULD CONSULT WITH US ON KEY ISSUES BEFORE THEY REACH A CONSENSUS THEMSELVES.

C. HE OBSERVED THAT WE ALSO SEE MERIT IN THE UK DRAFT FOR A NATO DECLARATION UPON WHICH WE WILL SOON OFFER COMMENTS. ALTHOUGH THE PARAGRAPH ON CONSULTATIONS HAD NOT GONE AS FAR AS WE HAD HOPED, IT REPRESENTS A MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD POSITION AND EXPRESSES SENTIMENTS WHICH COULD CREATE A BETTER ATMOSPHERE.

2. VAN LYNDEN AGREED WITH THESE POINTS AND ADDED THAT THE GON REFUSES TO HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND FRANCE. HARTMAN SAID WE WERE WELL AWARE OF THIS.

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